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REF: A. STATE 137140

B. USNATO 3624

C. USNATO 3699

D. USNATO 3773

E. USNATO 5361

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM CHARGE

1. SYG LUNS AND KEY ALLIES HERE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF AND CONCERNED BY CONTINUING AND ACCELERATING LEFTWARD DRIFT OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. AT THIS MOMENT LUNS AND THOSE MAJOR ALLIES WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT US MOVE TO INDUCE PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL NPG ACTIVITIEW, AND GENERALLY TO FREEZE THE ALLIANCE'S RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL ALONG LINES OF "ICELAND MODEL".

2. PRESENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS WILL REQUIRE LUNS TO BEGIN TO TAKE ACTION ON MONDAY OCTOBER 7 BECAUSE:

- A. NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR (FSSO JOHN ABIDIAN) AND SECURITY WORKING GROUP ARE SLATED TO VISIT LISBON ON OCTOBER 8;
- B. NPG PERMREP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10;
- C. RESTRICTED NAC SALT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17.

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3. LUNS PRESENT DISPOSITION IS TO CALL AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) TO HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 7 AND TELL HIM A) THAT CURRENT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL MAKE IT POINTLESS FOR ABIDIAN AND NATO SECURITY TEAM TO VISIT

LISBON, AND THAT TRIP IS THEREFORE DEFERRED SINE DIE;

B. THAT MEANWHILE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON PROVIDING HIGHLY CLASSIFIED NATO MATERIAL TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AT ANY LEVEL WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT;

C. THAT, DURING THIS INTERLUDE AND UNTIL EVENTS CRYSTALLIZE, PORTUGUESE REPS SHOULD IN LARGER INTERESTS OF WHOLE ALLIANCE ABSENT THEMSELVES AND LEAVE "VACANT CHAIR" AT ALL NPG ACTIVITIES (STAFF GROUP, PERMREPS, AND MINISTERIAL);

D. THAT PORTUGUESE PERMREP WELCOME TO ATTEND OCTOBER 17 NAC BRIEFING ON SALT ALONE REPEAT ALONE, PROVIDED THAT HE TRANSMIT NO DOCUMENTS TO HIS AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDED THAT HIS REPORT TO LISBON IS GENERAL AND NON-SPECIFIC.

4. LUNS, BELGIANS, GERMANS, BRITISH AND DUTCH ARE NOT UNAWARE OF US-PORTUGUESE BASE SITUATION AND OBVIOUSLY WISH TO DO NOTHING THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT LUNS AND/OR DESTAERKE WILL BE SEEKING US SIGNAL OF SOME SORT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS MESSAGE AND ON USNATO 5361.
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